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Technical examinations in Malayalam.

* 82 *Q.*—Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to hold Technical examinations in Malayalam Shorthand and Typewriting; and if not, why not?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 'Malayalam Shorthand' is one of the subjects in the scheme of Government Technical Examinations now in force. There is no proposal for including 'Malayalam Typewriting' in the scheme as the need for it has not been felt."

Sri KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know, Sir, the names of institutions which give training in Malayalam Shorthand? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the list of institutions here. The question was whether the Government propose to hold Technical examinations in Malayalam Shorthand and Typewriting and I have answered that Malayalam Shorthand is one of the subjects in the scheme of Government Technical Examinations."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Is there a Malayalam typewriter, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, as far as I know Sir."

Women officers in the Prohibition Department.

* 83 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many women gazetted officers have been appointed in the Prohibition Department in the State;

(*b*) how many persons committed offences under the Prohibition Act in the State during the year 1952;

(*c*) how many of them were women; and

(*d*) whether women constables are employed in this department?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Prohibition) :— " (*a*) None.

" (*b*) 77,302.

" (*c*) 5,828.

" (*d*) No, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, from the figures supplied by the Hon. Minister, we come to the conclusion that out of 7,232 persons who committed offences, about 5,800 happen to be women offenders. In view of the fact that women offenders are in a majority so far as Prohibition offences are concerned have not the Government

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come to the conclusion that women have lost hopes in Prohibition and will the Government be prepared to give it up as it has proved to be a failure? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir. Men are clever enough to employ the unfortunate women, because they think that women will be dealt with more softly." (Laughter.)

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" May I know whether the Government have considered so far any proposal to appoint women officers from the families or communities who are most addicted to drink? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Before answering this question, I wish to state that my attention has been drawn to a mistake committed by hon. Member Sri Vinayakam in the appraisement of the position. My Colleague gave the answer to clause (*b*) of the question as 77,302 and for clause (*c*) of the question he gave the answer as 5,828. So far as the arithmetical point of view is concerned, I may say that it has not led to loss of hope.

As regards women officers, we have to wait a little. We must harden a few, by special training before putting them on this dangerous work."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" In view of the fact that many hon. Members of the House and also of the Cabinet feel that women will be more suitable for the enforcement of Prohibition, will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to entrust this work to women officers who may be recruited for this purpose in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I appreciate the great desire of the hon. Member in the matter of enforcement of Prohibition as well as improvement of the prospects of women, who are available for employment. I wish to point out that the general reason given by the hon. Member is kept in mind by the Government as a matter of policy. As regards actual enforcement which involves sometimes the use of arms, I think we will have to wait a little before puting women in that risky occupation."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" From the figures relating to the women convicted for Prohibition offences, will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to say how many of them were convicted for drunkenness? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have issued, and I hope I have been obeyed, general instructions that there should be more trouble taken to find out illicit distillation than to get people convicted for mere drunkenness."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" In any event, will the Government give us an assurance that they will not appoint females from drinking families who would pollute their husbands, brothers, etc.? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member should throw away the obsession of commnuities. There is no such community as ' drinking families '. "

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Is the Hon. the Chief Minister aware that these women offenders are generally engaged in the preparation and distillation of arracks as a cottage industry and whether he will take steps to appoint some women officers to do propaganda in the villages so that these poor women may not take to this kind of illicit distillation? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" This is a very good suggestion and it coincides with my own ideas. We must have women for propaganda and not for enforcement work. I want to request the hon. Members not to use the term ' cottage industry ', because I know it is generally done outside the cottages."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the figures supplied by the Hon. the Chief Minister are correct, I wish to withdraw my remarks as far as the women offenders are concerned. But, in view of the fact that there are large number of male offenders, will the Government constitute an impartial Committee to go into the question of the working of Prohibition in our State and then come to a decision instead of depending upon a faddist theory? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Hard words do not break my bones. (Laughter.) It is not a faddist theory. It is as much a faddist theory as speaking truth is good, as honesty is the best policy and drinking is bad. Regarding the other question as to whether we should appoint a Committee, I do not believe that we should get frightened by the number of prosecutions. Because, the number of prosecutions is index number one to the prevalence of crime and to the detection of crime. I don't think that detection of crime can be shown as going down in order to boost any faddist theory."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இந்தக் குற்றவாளிகளில் Prohibition இலாக்காவைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் எவ்வளவு பேர் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Cheap gibe, Sir ! "

Payment of bonus to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode.

10–50 a.m. * 84 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the workers of Kerala Soap Institue, Kozhikode, have been paid their bonus for the year 1950–51?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have ordered the payment of bonus from the year 1950–51 onwards to the workers of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, before 31st March 1954."